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Title: BEAM FILLED WITH MATERIAL, DECK SYSTEM AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2002, the period for response having been extended three months by petition herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

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1. (Amended) A construction beam comprising a tubular housing filled with a solid material having a Poisson's ratio, wherein the tubular housing is constructed such that a Poisson's ratio of the tubular housing is less than the solid material to thereby confine the solid material, the tubular housing forming part of the construction beam.